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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments prior to examination of the case.

Amendments

Please amend claims 5 and 7 to read:

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5. The touch panel as defined in Claim 4, said at least one of the transparent films used for the upper electrode substrate and/or lower electrode substrate includes a Newton ring prevention film comprising a transparent film in which projections are formed by surface roughening, a transparent film in which projections are formed by providing a projection coating layer, or either of these transparent films wherein a transparent electroconducting layer is further provided on the surface in which the projections are formed, wherein the average surface